

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
JUNE 14, 2022**

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman President Elise Nieshalla called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Jennifer Hostetter, Aaron Williams, Don Lamb, and John Riner. Councilwoman Wilhoite was via video conference.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a motion to approve the council minutes from the May 10, 2022, meeting as written. Councilman Williams motioned, and Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Boone County Council discussed the Resolution 2022-01 – The need for the Public Safety Building Project. Councilwoman Hostetter started with the discussion is there a need or not a need. Very lengthy discussions took place, Councilman Williams stated this is not their money, it's the taxpayers' money, but then they called for a vote. Elise Nieshalla – No, Kevin VanHorn – Yes, Aaron Williams – No, Jennifer Hostetter – Yes, Don Lamb – Yes, Marcia Wilhoite – No, and John Riner – Yes. Resolution passed 4-3.

The Public LIT tax hearing began. There was a lot of discussion regarding the increase in the LIT tax for the new Justice Center project. Diana Freeman got up and spoke “please do not raise taxes”. Bonnie Preston stated that they have many open jail beds. Sheriff Nielsen stated pre covid that they were at 80% capacity, they need a new jail. Roy Coy stated the project has gone from \$42 to \$64 million, what is the exact amount? We do not need the extravagance, he does believe that the Coroner's Department should be located in the jail. Mr. Coy is upset with the Council, Commissioners, and Attorneys with the rise in the cost. Glen Beasey stated that the social media claims are not true, those people have never been to one of these meetings, he supports the project. Anthony Teal that is running for a seat on Council stated as costs and rates will go up again, Jail space is bad, medical/intake, safety issues, then he wanted to know how the LIT tax will work. Attorney Bob Clutter stated when bond is paid off in 20 years the LIT tax will go away. BOT is a fixed cost \$59 million right now. Council proceeded to vote on the Ordinance for the Jail LIT tax rate to increase, Councilman Williams motioned to table the vote right now, Councilwoman Wilhoite seconded, then they took a roll call John Riner – No, Don Lamb – No, Jennifer Hostetter – No, Kevin VanHorn – No, Marcia Wilhoite – Yes, Aaron Williams – Yes, Elise Nieshalla – Yes, 4 to 3 not to table the vote. Councilman Lamb made a motion to adopt the Jail LIT tax increase, Councilman VanHorn seconded. Councilman Lamb made a motion to adopt the LIT tax increase, Councilman VanHorn seconded the motion then they called for a roll call, Elise Nieshalla – No, Kevin VanHorn – Yes, Aaron Williams – No, Jennifer Hostetter – Yes, Don Lamb – Yes, Marcia Wilhoite – No,

John Riner – Yes. LIT Ordinance passed 4-3. Councilman Lamb made a motion to close the Public hearing, Councilman Williams seconded the motioned. Motion carried 7-0.

SALARY AMENDMENT: Judge Schein with Circuit/CASA 1000.0232 amended their fund to a couple Salary lines. Councilman Lamb made a motion as submitted, Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Commissioners/HR Assistant 1000.0068 wanted to add \$21.00/hr for Part-Time HR Assistant, Councilman Williams made a motion to table this request, Councilwoman Wilhoite seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Surveyor/Drain Inspector to increase one of his Drain Inspector lines. Councilman VanHorn made a motion as submitted, Councilman Lamb seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0. John Merson/APC requested a \$500/mo stipend for the two employees in the Area Plan Office dues to Rachel Cardis being gone, they wanted to go back to May for this stipend. Councilman Williams made a motion as submitted, Councilman Lamb seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS
N/A

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

Donnie Lawson with Commissioners presented an additional appropriation request for HR Assistant:

1000.0068.410.411.0.6881	HR Assistant	\$30,576.00/Tabled
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Councilman Williams made a motion to **table** this request. Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Donnie Lawson with Commissioners presented an additional appropriation request for OT:

1000.0068.410.411.0.0023	OT	\$ 500.00
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Councilman Lamb made a motion as presented, Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Ken Hedge with Surveyor presented an additional appropriation request for Engineering Services:

1000.0006.430.431.0.0050	Engineering Services	\$25,000.00
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Councilman Williams made a motion as presented, Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Schein gave an update along with Denise Schoeff for the JDAI program.

Auditor Debbie Crum discussed with Council to acknowledge TIF Management Reports, Council made a verbal acknowledgement.

OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Debbie Crum presented an ARP Appropriation for GM Development of \$750,000. Councilman Lamb made a motion as presented, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Jeff Wolfe requested ARP funds for CVB, this is going to have to wait for 2nd round of funds. Auditor Debbie Crum stated that there will have to be a Reduction of Appropriation in the Grassy Branch line in the ARP fund for -1,500,000.00 in the July Council meeting. Commissioner Wolfe stated there also will need to be appropriations made to Sylvia CAC for \$21, 400 and to Advance for the Generators for \$132,000.00. Councilman Lamb made a motion as presented, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Elise Nieshalla stated just a reminder on the joint meeting for the Salary Study with First Person is on Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 at 8:30am.

Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Minutes Prepared by Melissa Smith, Deputy Auditor.

Elise Nieshalla
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date